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1. REFTEL B INFORMED US OF THE LETTER FROM THE
DEPARTMENT'S DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNICATIONS POLICY TO MR. W. HAIST, CHAIRMAN OF
THE CEPT COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON MARMONIZATION (CCH).
WE HAVE RECENTLY DISCUSSED THIS LETTER WITH LEON SMULIAN,
EC COMMISSION DIVISION CHIEF RESPONSIBLE FOR TELECOMMUNI-
CATIONS. SMULIAN TELLS US THAT THE MALMO MEETING OF
THE CEPT TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION CONSIDERED A
REPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT'S LETTER.

2. THE GROUP AGREED THAT HAIST SHOULD REPLY
FAVORABLY TO THE US INITIATIVE FOR EXPLORING THE
POSSIBILITIES OF ESTABLISHING A RELATIONSHIP WITH
THE CCH FOR LIAISON AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.
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ABOUT A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT,

HOWEVER, BECAUSE IT CONSIDERS ITSELF A TECHNICAL RATHER THAN A GOVERNMENTAL BODY. IT WOULD PREFER THAT A RELATIONSHIP BE ESTABLISHED WITH APPROPRIATE US TECHNICAL PEOPLE WORKING ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS STANDARDS. THE LETTER WILL EXPRESS THIS IDEA.

3. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS, SMULIAN EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE MALMO MEETING. HE SAID COMMITTEES HAD BEEN SET UP TO HARMONIZE EUROPEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND DESCRIBED THE EVENT AS UNIQUE IN THE HISTORY OF EUROPE.

4. COMMENT: SMULIAN'S ASSESSMENT OF MALMO MAY BE SOMEWHAT OVER-ENTHUSIASTIC, BUT THIS STEMS FROM HIS BELIEF THAT THE STATE OF EUROPEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS IS LAMENTABLE BECAUSE OF ITS LACK OF HARMONIZATION. END COMMENT.
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